

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. §§ 371 national phase conversion of PCT/FR03/003324, filed 6 November 2003, which claims priority of French Application No. 02/14471, filed 19 November 2002. The PCT International Application was published in the French language.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to an offshore installation for transferring a liquefied gas, especially liquefied natural gas, as described in the preamble of claim 1 particularly from one tank to another tank via a submerged transfer line.

Please insert the following section heading at page 3, line 25:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

For this purpose, the subject of the invention is an installation of the aforementioned type[[,]] having a transfer line with a rigid substantially horizontal main section jointed by vertical sections to the tanks and the main section being in a water layer region with low dynamic forces. The transfer line has an annular space containing thermal insulation characterized by the features of claim 1.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 34, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to other embodiments, the installation includes ~~one or more of the other~~ features described below of the dependent claims 2 to 13.

Please insert the following section heading at page 4, line 5:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Please insert the following section heading at page 4, line 12:

DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EMBODIMENT